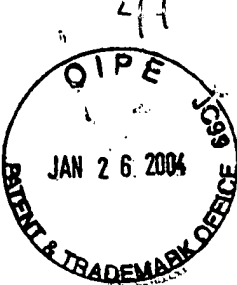


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHOGO KAWAMURA, ET AL.) Examiner: An H Do
Application No.: 09/900,866) Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: July 10, 2001)
For: LIQUID DISCHARGE RECORDING)
HEAD CARTRIDGE AND LIQUID)
DISCHARGE RECORDING)
APPARATUS) January 22, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, Virginia 22202

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT
AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, Applicants' required election is as set forth herein.

Applicants petition to extend for two months the time for response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003. A check in the amount of \$420 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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January 22, 2004

In the above-identified Office Action Applicants are required to make an election of a single species between the species identified as A, B, and C. By this response Applicants hereby elect species B, identified by the Examiner as including Figs. 14-23. In this regard, however, Applicants respectfully request that Figs. 24A-24C through Fig. 29 be included in species B, because Applicants believe that those drawings embody related subject matter to elected Figs. 22 and 23 herein.

In the Office Action, Applicants are also required to list the claims directed to the elected species. In response, Applicants hereby identify Claims 14-23 as being directed to elected species B.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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